

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

20. (Currently amended) A macroporous ceramic having pores ~~of at least 0.5  $\mu$ m and in~~  
the range of 0.5  $\mu$ m to 5  $\mu$ m of substantially uniform diameter uniformly dispersed  
therein.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously added) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which the ceramic is a  
metal oxide.

23. (Previously amended) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which said metal  
oxide is selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, zirconium dioxide and  
silicon dioxide.

24. (New) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which said pores have a maximum  
pore size difference of 20%.